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SUBJECT: KLM CHARTER TO DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

1. KLM, AMSTERDAM HAS APPROACHED EMBASSY REGARDING FULLY BOOKED CHARTER (200) IT HAS SCHEDULED TO DAYTONA SPEEDWAY RACES, DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA, FEBRUARY 28 TO MARCH 11. KLM HAS BEEN INFORMED BY DAYTONA AIRPORT AUTHORITIES THAT FLIGHT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO LAND IN DAYTONA SINCE DURING FUEL CRISIS AUTHORITIES ARE ALLOCATING JET FUEL ONLY TO THOSE AIRLINES WHICH HAVE USED DAYTONA AIRPORT IN PAST. SPONSORS HAVE INFORMED KLM IT WILL CANCEL TOUR UNLESS THEY CAN BE ASSURED FLIGHT WILL TAKE PLACE (I.E., UNLESS A QUICK SOLUTION IS FOUND).

2. EMBASSY CONCERNED OVER POTENTIAL LOSS TOURISM REVENUE AND IN VIEW FEBRUARY DEPARTURE DATE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CHECKING WITH DAYTONA AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE IF ITS DECISION IRREVOCABLE. IF SO, JACKSONVILLE AIRPORT BECOMES FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE. HOWEVER, KLM HAS INFORMATION THAT SAME SITUATION MAY EXIST THERE. DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN VERIFYING SITUATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED. IF ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS NEEDED DEPARTMENT CAN CONTACT CHARTER DEPARTMENT KLM, 609 5TH AVE., NEW YORK, TEL. 212-759 3600. PLEASE CABLE REPLY ASAP.

3. IN VIEW LARGE NUMBER CHARTERS PLANNED TO US FROM NETHERLANDS IN 1974 EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT ASSESSMENT WHETHER SIMILAR DIFFICULTIES CAN BE EXPECTED FOR FOREIGN OR US NON-SCHEDULED CARRIERS DURING PRESENT OIL CRISIS.

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